

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 49

Introduced by Assembly Member Gonzalez

July 2, 2014

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 49—Relative to immigration.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AJR 49, as introduced, Gonzalez. Immigration: deportation.

This measure would urge President Obama to take executive action to suspend any further deportations of unauthorized individuals with no serious criminal history.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, According to the Pew Hispanic Center, in 2011,
2 there were 11.1 million unauthorized immigrants living in the
3 United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Deportations have reached record levels under
5 President Obama, rising to an annual average of nearly 400,000
6 since 2009; and

7 WHEREAS, According to Members of Congress Raul M.
8 Grijalva and Yvette Clarke, although the Obama Administration
9 reportedly prioritized deporting only criminals, many individuals
10 with no serious criminal history consistently have been deported;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Increased deportations and a continuously broken
13 immigration system exacerbate the living conditions of United
14 States citizen children whose parents have been deported; and

15 WHEREAS, Separation of children from their parents,
16 irrespective of immigration status, always results in severe

1 consequences for young children who are left with no parental
2 guidance or care and a highly unstable financial situation; and

3 WHEREAS, As immigration continues to be at the center of a
4 national debate, President Obama and Congress must implement
5 a more humanitarian immigration policy that keeps families
6 together; and

7 WHEREAS, California is home to approximately 10.3 million
8 immigrants of which approximately 2.6 million are not authorized
9 to live in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Many Members of Congress recently signed a
11 letter requesting President Obama to suspend any further
12 deportations; and

13 WHEREAS, Since California is home to a large number of
14 unauthorized immigrants from all parts of the world, this state
15 should make it a priority to keep families together and continue
16 to press President Obama and Congress for a solution to our broken
17 federal immigration system; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
19 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature urges President Obama to
20 take executive action to suspend any further deportations of
21 unauthorized individuals with no serious criminal history; and be
22 it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
24 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
25 States, to the Speaker of the United States House of
26 Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate,
27 and to each Senator and Representative from California in the
28 Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate
29 distribution.